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Applicant(s): <b>William R. Fiehler</b>			
Serial No. <b>09/803.570</b>	Filing Date <b>March 9, 2001</b>	Examiner <b>Kim, Sun U.</b>	Group Art Unit <b>1723</b>

Invention: **A Method and Apparatus for Dispensing Separator Gel in a Blood Collection Tube**

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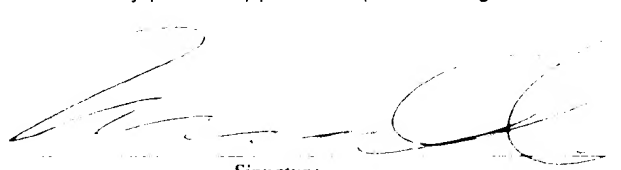
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 30, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks set forth below.